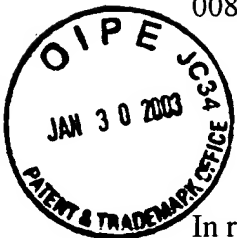


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The documents were recently cited in the enclosed Japanese Official Action, which is dated November 15, 2002. A photocopy of each of the documents also is enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has not been received in the above-identified application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized

to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

A concise explanation of relevance for four of the cited Japanese patent documents is found in their respective Abstracts as shown on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

With respect to the other two cited Japanese patent documents, the Examiner is referred to their respective English language counterparts, wherein:

Japanese Patent Document No. 3-136830 corresponds to Canadian Patent No. 2,021,646.

Japanese Patent Document No. 5-229009 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,310,443.

Applicants advise that Japanese Patent Document Nos. 7-108615, 4-305436, and 4-201543 were listed in the Prior Art Search made by the Examiner, but they do not constitute the grounds of a rejection.

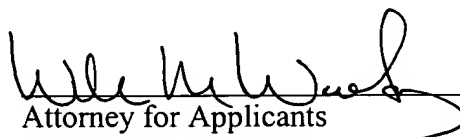
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited documents, and initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating such consideration.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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